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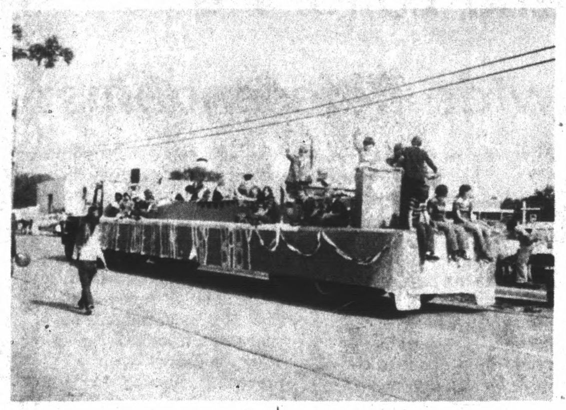

THE APPOMATTOX MIDDLE SCHOOL FLOAT participating in the parade Saturday during festivities at the Railroad Festival was one of the best in the parade that was classed as the best parade that has been in Appomattox - ever! Hope you got to see it.

Historical Society Elects New President

At the October meeting of the Appomattox County Historical Society, the Board of Directors named Dr. Merwyn Williamson new President of the organization. Succeeding Dr. Williamson as Vice President is Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien, a charter member and a member of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Margaret Smith O'Brien is the newly elected member to the Board of Directors.

Announcement was made that the Society had been granted a provisional tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service for Society dues and/or for any other donations or contributions such as land, papers, furniture, documents, money and etc.

Numbered plates in sephia tones depicting the seal of Appomattox Historical Society went on sale to the public on Saturday, October 16th at the Railraod Festival. Of the 250 plates to be sold, the first eighty are reserved for the charter members of the Society.

The Board voted to reschedule the tour to Savannah and Charleston until spring and to proceed with plans for an antique auction sale. Members are urged to tear down cobwebs and clean out the attics for antique donations for the sale. Funds received from money raising projects will be used to finance the HISTORY OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY.

Mr. Robert Jamerson, Chairman of the Historical Research Committee, reported that his committee is ready to accept historical data relating to Appomattox County residents. Citizens are urged to let "Bobby" know who you are, who your folks were, where they lived, and what they did.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN!

News Items Wanted From Evergreen Area

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The Pastor Speaks

There are scores of people who would do great acts, but because they wait for great opportunities, life passes, and the acts of love which they could do are never done. Deferred duties usually mean neglected duties. In this field accumulation is the enemy of accomplishment. Acculated dividends may be a very good thing, but they are never earned by allowing unfinished tasks topile up on us. When we have to admit that there are a score of duties that have been awaiting our attention for days or weeks or months, and that ought to have had our attention for days, months, or years, we may at the same time safely admit that something is wrong with our plan of life. The whole trouble probably lies in our not doing today what we ought to do today; and that results from two ins; misusing some of our time, and wasting some of our time. The right selection of our tasks and then intense concentration on our tasks, will put a stop to the fatal accumulation. No one has any right to stagger along under the burden of unfinished tasks that ought long ago to have been put of the way. The Bible says, "So then, which we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men." The certainty that life can not be long, and the probability that it will be much shorter than nature allows, ought to awaken every man to the active prosecution of whatever he is desirous to perform. It is true that no diligence can ascertain success; death may intercept the swiftest career; but who is cut off in the midst of an honest undertaking has at least the honor of falling in his rank, and has fought the battle though he missed the victory.

Jimmy N. Williams, Pastor
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The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

The New Life as Freedom
Scripture: Romans 7:1-8:17
All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:14

In his Letter to the Romans Paul has made the point that the believer has been set free from sin to receive the gift of eternal life, in contrast to the consequence of sin, which is death. From his discussion of freedom from sin he moves to discuss freedom from the law, to lead to the emphasis of this week's International Sunday School lesson, "The New Life as Freedom". In doing so, he gives a vivid description of the double life we all lead, the conflict within each individual between his intentions to be and to do good and his innate and often overpowering tendency to be and to do evil.

By law Paul means that portion of the Mosaic law which is applicable to all humanity, the moral law as summarized in the Ten Commandments. The purpose of the law is to make people live good and righteous lives. Because of the law man knows that sin is sin. In his better moments and in his higher ideals he wants to do what is right. But he has a natural tendency to do evil, and consequently he does what he does not want to do and does not do what he would like to do. Man often does evil because of the perversity of human nature: because the law would have us do right, we do evil, just as a child will sometimes deliberately do what he is told not to do. Although the law shows us what is evil and in doing so stimulates one to violate the law, the law is not evil. "The law is holy, and commandment is holy and just and good."

So man needs to be freed from slavery to the law, for it is this slavery which encourages him to exercise his perverseness and break the law. The law has failed to accomplish its purpose to make people righteous because sin can take advantage of it to encourage people to sin. As he develops this point, Paul brings out the total depravity of man, "I know nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh."

The problem finds solution in Jesus Christ. 'God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do; sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, he condemned sin in the flesh.' Thus man is freed from slavery both to sin and to the law which sin can take advantage of and misue.

Here regeneration of the new birth enters. When the believer accepts Christ as Savior and thereby commits his life to God and is born again as a child of God, he becomes a new being. Paul pictures it as dying to the old life of sin and being born to a new life in Christ. As long as a person lives in the old life of sin, he is under the law and is a slave to it, as he is a slave to sin. As he dies to that old life, to be born again to a new life in Christ, he is freed from slavery to the law, just as death releases a spouse from the bonds of matrimony.

Again we come to the paradox, as the natural mind views it, of Christian freedom. So it is necessary to see freedom for what it is. Contrary to prevalent and popular definition, freedom in no area of life is license. In the political and legal sense, freedom is liberty under law. A European theologian Charles Biber, has defined Christian freedom as 'the condition of those who belong directly to God.' By this Biber means that the person is free who has been freed from all human and material control and has committed his life wholly to God, who alone can liberate men and women from the power of sin and the domination of the material and secular world.

In Romans Paul compares this freedom in God to the freedom of the son and heir of a free man. In Paul's day one of the privileges of such a son was freedom, although as a boy and pupil he would be under the discipline of this father and his schoolmaster. Through this discipline he would be prepared for the freedom and the responsibilities (for sonship entails responsibility as well as privilege) he would enjoy at maturity. In the Roman world the son inherited (as Paul himself had) the father's freedom and citizenship as well as the father's material possessions. He attained sonship either by birth or by adoption. In Roman law and practice, the adopted son had all the privileges and all the responsibliities the son by birth had. So believers who come into the family of God by adoption are fully the children of God, with the freedom, the privileges and the responsibilities of sonship.

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Thanks For The Bike-A-Thon

This year's Cancer Bike-A-Thon was a new experience for me, and one which I really enjoyed. I think everyone who participated in it thoroughly enjoyed the day. It gave everyone a chance to have a good time and at the same time help with a good cause.

I would like to thank and congratulate all those who rode in the Bike-A-Thon. Also a special thanks to those who sponsored the riders.

There were, of course, many special people behind this year's Bike-A-Thon to make it such a success. Without the Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society none of this would be possible. They really deserve a lot of credit. Also the Appomattox County Rescue Squad and County Police Dept. did a great job. For all those who donated refreshments, and their time deserve a big thank you, too.

At this point I would like to thank the Appomattox Cancer Society for giving me the opportunity to work with the Bike-A-Thon. It is an experience that I won't soon forget.

I would like to commend everyone for working so well together. It took a lot of people and a lot of work to make this year's Bike-A-Thon turn out so well, but for everyone who helped, it was a labor of love. This event proves the fact that the people in Appomattox County really do care.

Lisa Dickerson,
Honrary Chairman
Appomattox County Unit
American Cancer Society

LUCKY CLOVER 4-H CLUB

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club met Monday night in the Pamplin Elementary School Library. President, Lisa Dickerson, called the meeting to order. After we pledged allegiance to the flags, secretary, Cynthia Hix, read the minutes of the last meeting.

We were very glad to see so many new members at our meeting. It was the largest meeting we have had for quite sometime.

Also, our club had the most members participating in the Bike-A-Thon. On behalf of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club, I would like to thank each and everyone who sponsored us in the Bike-A-Thon. By everyone giving so generously, our club was able to obtain the plaque for the club having the most money - over $50.00.

Mr. Sweet showed us a film on Camp Easter Seal for handicapped children. it costs $100.00 for each child to attend the camp. This year our club hopes to raise enough money so we can help send a child to camp.

After the film, refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

Jane Covington, Reporter

MR. FOREST'S 4-H CLUB

At Mr. Thomas Forest 4-H class October 14, 1976 we played the game called Black Magic and Seven Up. We listened to the old and new business. We talked about being in the railroad festival. We showed films on last year's share-the-fun.

Mr. Sweet and Mr. Goldman collected our last year's project books. We also got our new project books. Mr. Goldman told what it was about, and how to use it.

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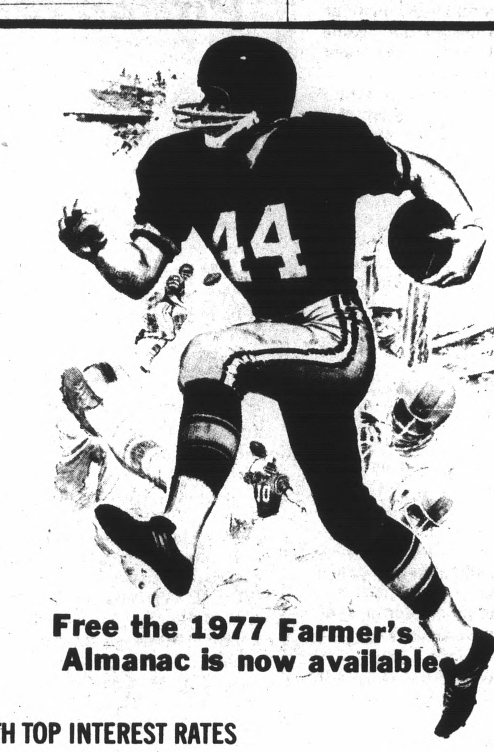

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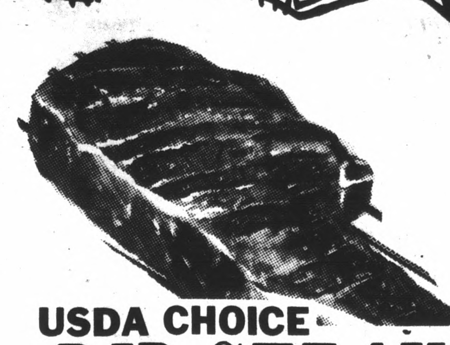

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